

Bicycle Project Highlights: Bicycle Parking

Bicycle Parking Projects

Providing bicycle parking facilities is an essential element in an overall effort to promote and provide for bicycle transportation. People are discouraged from bicycling unless adequate, secure parking is available. Bicycle parking facilities should be provided at both the trip origin and destination and should offer protection from theft and damage. If bicycle parking is not properly designed and located, bicyclists will use trees, railings, sign posts, etc. This practice can cause damage and create a hazard for pedestrians and other bicyclists.

In the past few years, the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT) has worked closely with a number of localities and university campuses to develop comprehensive bicycle parking plans. Funding for the purchase and installation of appropriate facilities has been provided, upon approval of the plans. Major parking projects have been completed on the campuses of UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, UNC-Charlotte, and UNC-Wilmington. Bicycle parking has also been provided at beach access areas in Dare and Onslow Counties and throughout the Asheville area.

Often, local cycling advocates can assist in identifying high priority bicycle parking locations. To be considered for funding, all identified parking locations must be on public rights of way or on a permanent easement granted to a locality when placed in non-public, commercial areas. Parking projects should be community wide and should serve public buildings such as libraries and post offices, parks, and transit locations. It is not cost effective for DBPT to undertake small-scale projects; the funding is intended for institutional use.

For more information, contact the [Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation](#)



Secure, easy-to-use bicycle parking racks have been placed at numerous beach access areas along the NC coast to encourage bicycling to the beach.



Bicycle parking at UNC-Wilmington